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'LUCK OF DRAW' PICKS JUDGE FOR TRIAL OF RAY '68

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Judge Preston Battle said yesterday it was the luck of the draw that selected him as the judge to preside over the trial of James Earl Ray.

Battle said the five Shelby County Criminal Court judges were each given a number. The holder of the highest number drawn was selected to hear the case, he said.

Ray, alleged slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is expected to go on trial for murder during the fall.

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